

St. Pierre and on the west, north-west and north coasts of Newfoundland, commonly called the French Coasts. Mr. Fortin was cordially received by the Governor and authorities of St. Pierre, and every facility offered him to fulfil his mission, while the schooner yacht *La Canadienne*, Quebec built, was much admired by the ship builders and others there. Mr. Fortin reported to the Government of Canada on his mission and gave interesting accounts of the French Fisheries of St. Pierre and neighbouring coasts. In 1868, Mr. Fortin, in order to make himself better acquainted in everything appertaining to navigation, shipping, ship building and the fisheries, visited the Maritime Exhibition at Havre, France, which, as every one knows, was a very successful one. He brought back with him a great deal of information regarding the fisheries and navigation, which formed the subject of much correspondence published by *La Minerve*. Was a mem. of Ex. Council and Commr. of Crown Lands for the Province of Quebec from Feb. 1873 until 7 Sept. 1874, when he resigned. Elected Speaker, 4 Nov. 1875, but resigned in 1876, in consequence of his election being protested. While Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec he founded the Marine Library of P.Q., and procured several hundred books relating to shipping, etc., and over 500 marine charts from all parts of the world. Also enlarged the exchanges between the Quebec library and libraries of the U.S., England and France. Was one of the founders of the Geographical Society of Quebec, and was its first Presdt. Was from 1867 to 1874 Chairman of the Special Committee of the Commons on Navigation and Fisheries. Sat for Gaspé in House of Commons from g.e. 1867 until g.e. 1874, when he retired in order to confine himself to Local House, for which he was first returned at g.e. 1867; re-elected by acclamation at g.e. 1871, again returned at g.e. 1875, unseated on petition, and re-elected 1877. Did not offer for re-election at last g.e. for P.Q., in consequence of the electors of the Magdalen Islands, where he had obtained a large majority, being deprived of their votes, the dates of the nomination and polling being so fixed that the Returning Officer claimed navigation was not open at the Islands, and did not try to have the proclamation posted there. Elected for present seat at last g.e. by a majority of 797. This is his eighth election in twelve years. A Conservative. "In favour of a system of nautical education with a view to perfecting the scientific instruction of our marines, and thereby making them equal to the best in the world; also empowering our Marine Boards to examine candidates for extra-masters' certificates, and